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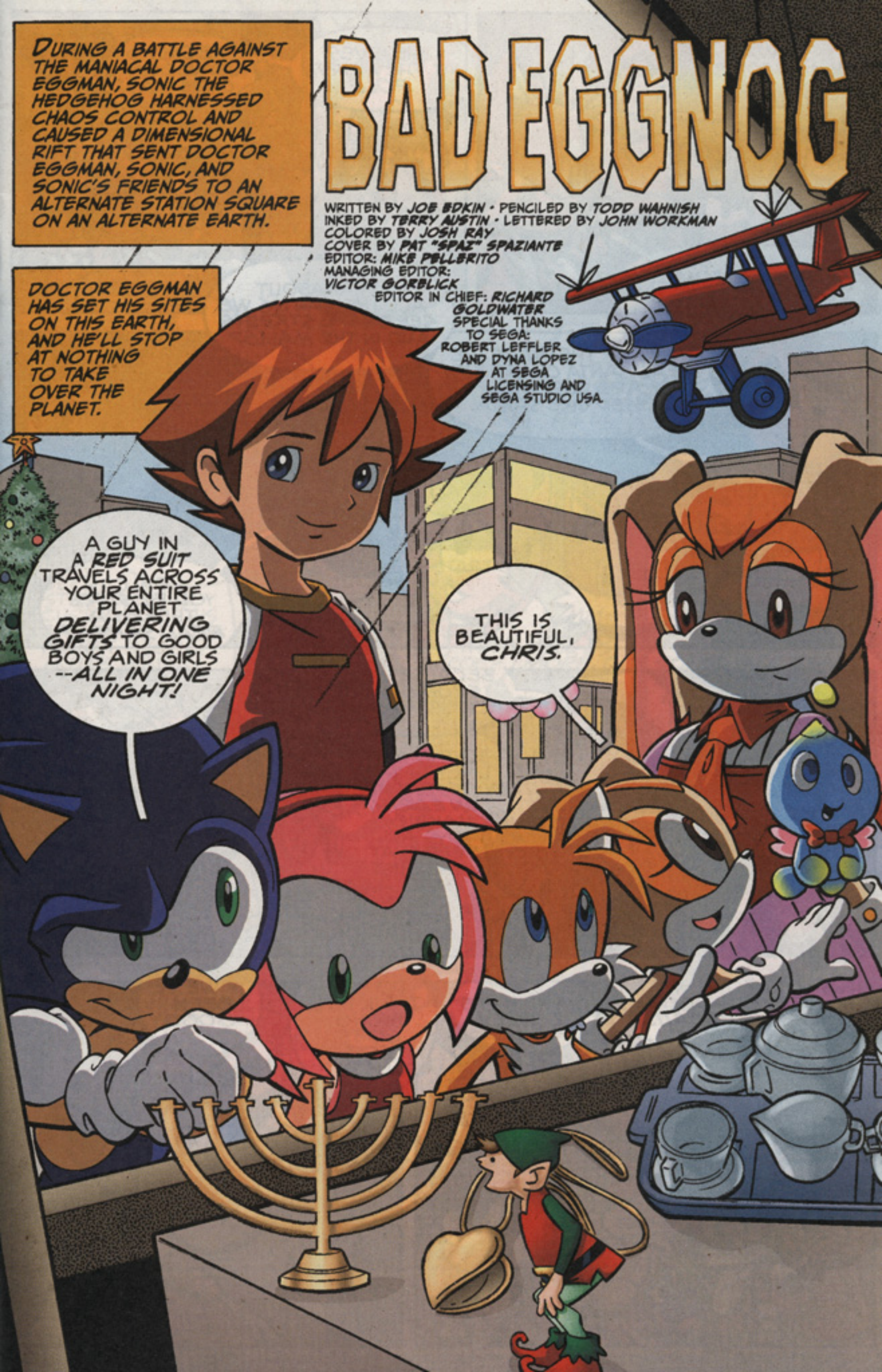
DURING A BATTLE AGAINST THE MANIACAL DOCTOR EGGMAN, SONIC THE HEDGEHOG HARNESSED CHAOS CONTROL AND CAUSED A DIMENSIONAL RIFT THAT SENT DOCTOR EGGMAN, SONIC, AND SONIC'S FRIENDS TO AN ALTERNATE STATION SQUARE ON AN ALTERNATE EARTH.
BAD EGGNOG
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DOCTOR EGGMAN HAS SET HIS SITES ON THIS EARTH, AND HE'LL STOP AT NOTHING TO TAKE OVER THE PLANET.
A GUY IN A RED SUIT TRAVELS ACROSS YOUR ENTIRE PLANET DELIVERING GIFTS TO GOOD BOYS AND GIRLS --ALL IN ONE NIGHT!
THIS IS BEAUTIFUL, CHRIS.

SANTA CLAUS, SONIC. AND IT'S TRUE.
HE MUST BE AS FAST AS SONIC! I'D LIKE TO MEET HIM.

HE LIVES AT THE NORTH POLE.
HE ONLY LEAVES ON CHRISTMAS EVE.
TOYS

WHAT ABOUT ALL THE SANTAS WE SEE ON THE STREETS AND IN THE MALLS?
NONE OF THEM ARE THE REAL SANTA CLAUS, AMY. THEY ARE JUST MEN DRESSED LIKE SANTA.
HOW CAN YOU BE SURE THERE'S A REAL SANTA?

BECAUSE WE FIND GIFTS FROM SANTA EVERY CHRISTMAS MORNING.
SO THIS GUY LIVES IN THE COLDEST PLACE ON EARTH, MAKING TOYS ALL YEAR THAT HE JUST GIVES AWAY?
WHAT DOES HE GET OUT OF IT?

IT'S NOT ABOUT WHAT HE GETS OUT OF IT. WE GIVE GIFTS BECAUSE WE LOVE OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY.
I THINK IT'S LOVELY.
CHAO!

DO YOU THINK HE'LL BRING GIFTS FOR US?
IF WE'VE BEEN GOOD.

ELSEWHERE, ABOARD DOCTOR EGGMAN'S EGG CARRIER...

JOY TO THE WORLD, EGGMAN HAS COME! LET EARTH RECEIVE ITS ULTIMATE RULER --THAT'S ME!

YOU SEEM *JOYOUS* THIS EVENING, DOCTOR EGGMAN.

I HAVE BEEN STUDYING THE CUSTOMS OF THIS BACKWARD LITTLE PLANET, DECOE, AND ITS HOLIDAY CUSTOMS HAVE SUGGESTED A *BRILLIANT NEW PLAN!*

SHOULD WE START RUNNING AWAY NOW, SIR?

WHAT WAS THAT, BOCOE?

UMM-- *PLEASE TELL US MORE,* O BRILLIANT ONE.

THE CHILDREN OF THIS PLANET ARE GOING TO GIVE *ME* THE GIFT *I* MOST WANT...

*SONIC ALL READY TO BE FROZEN IN A BLOCK OF ICE!*

BUT KIDS *LOVE* SONIC!

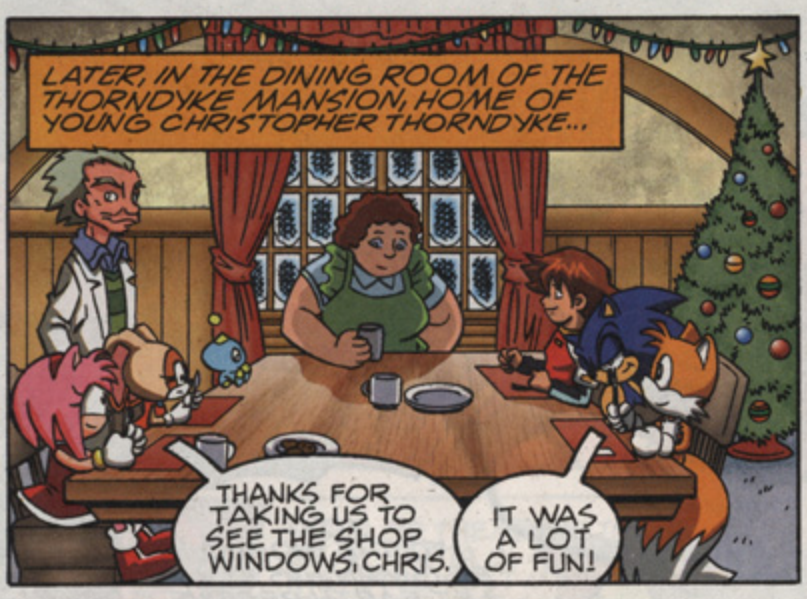
WHY WOULD THEY TURN HIM OVER TO YOU?

IT'S SIMPLE, BOKKUN...

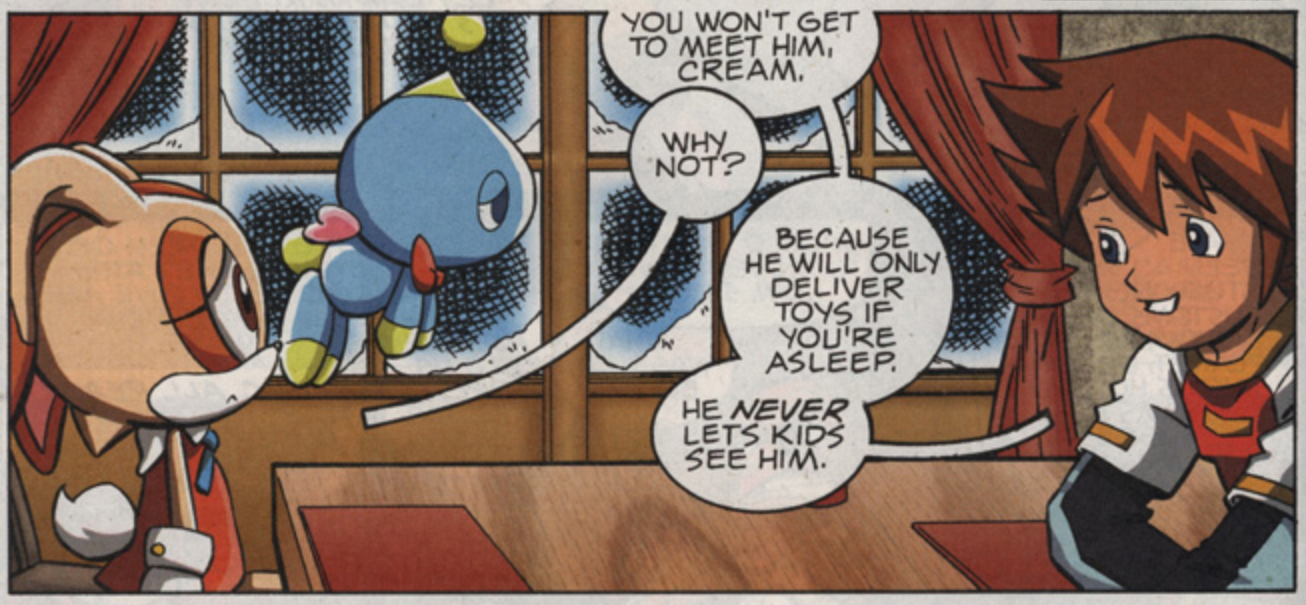
...NO GOOD LITTLE BOY OR GIRL WANTS TO DISAPPOINT *SANTA CLAUS* AT THIS TIME OF THE YEAR!

*HA HA HA, ER...*

*...HO HO HO,* THAT IS!


LATER, IN THE DINING ROOM OF THE THORNDYKE MANSION, HOME OF YOUNG CHRISTOPHER THORNDYKE...
THANKS FOR TAKING US TO SEE THE SHOP WINDOWS, CHRIS.
IT WAS A LOT OF FUN!

I CAN'T WAIT TO MEET SANTA CLAUS! MAYBE HE CAN GIVE US A NICE NEW EMERL!*
CHAO!
*CREAM WAS FORCED TO DESTROY THE PREVIOUS EMERL WHEN IT ATTACKED SONIC, AS SEEN ON THE TV SHOW!


YOU WON'T GET TO MEET HIM, CREAM.
WHY NOT?
BECAUSE HE WILL ONLY DELIVER TOYS IF YOU'RE ASLEEP.
HE NEVER LETS KIDS SEE HIM.

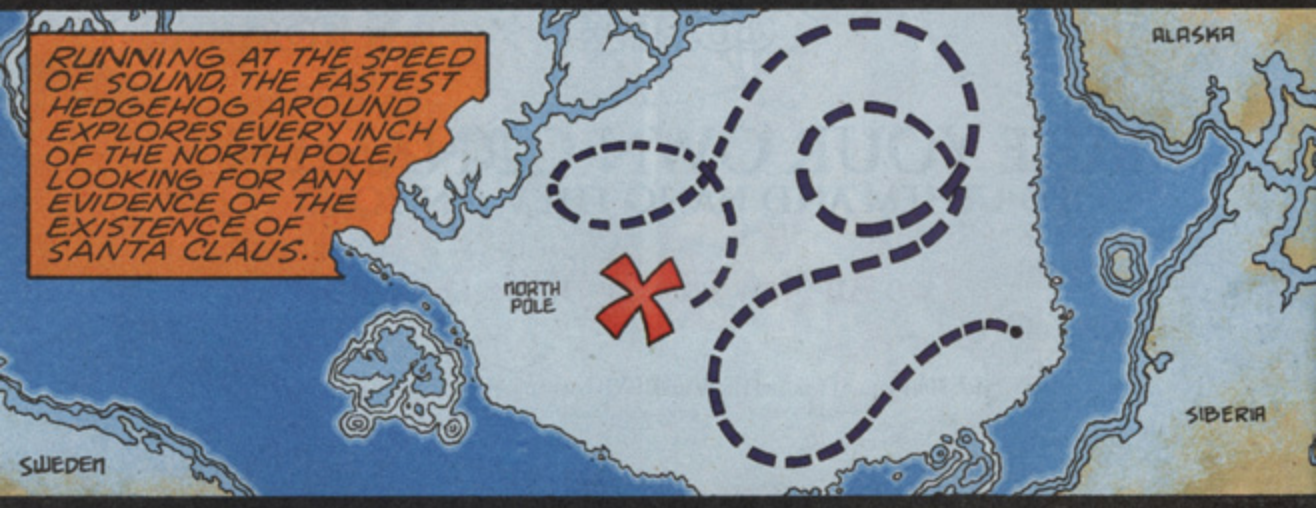
THEN HOW DO YOU KNOW HE EXISTS?
YOU JUST HAVE TO BELIEVE.

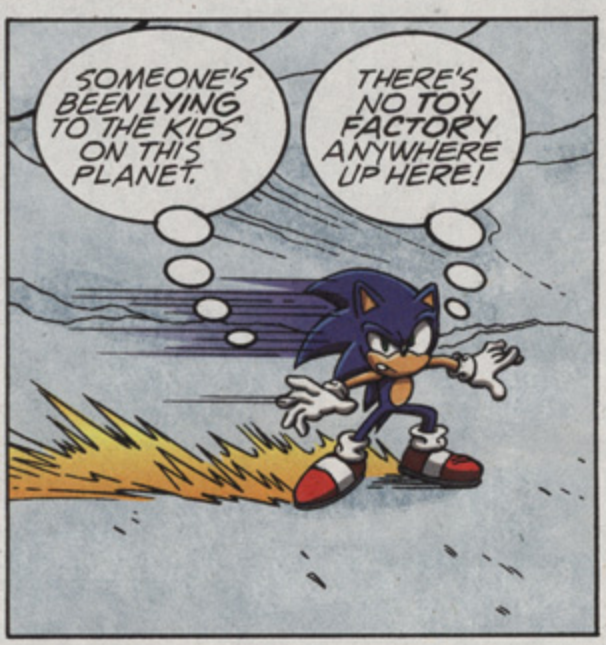
WELL, I BELIEVE, CHRIS.
IT SOUNDS FISHY TO ME.
WELL, IN A UNIVERSE WHERE ANIMALS THAT CAN SPEAK ENGLISH EXIST, WHY SHOULDN'T SANTA CLAUS?

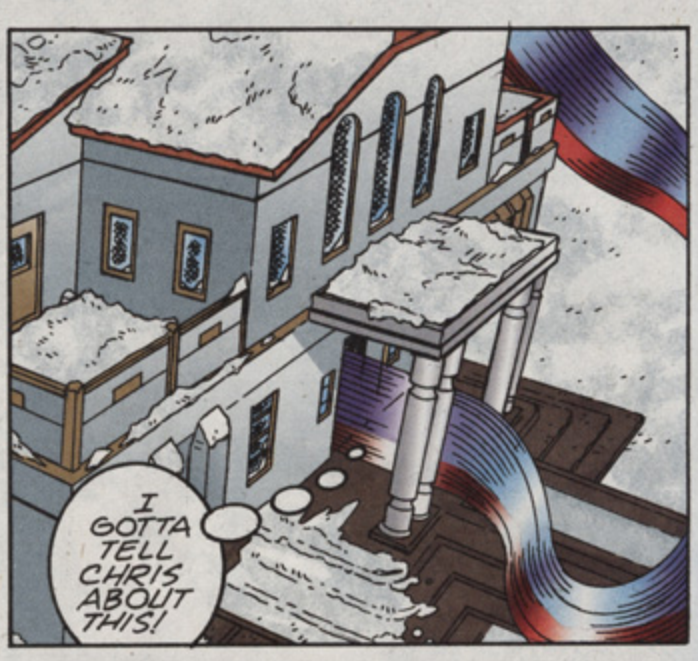
SONIC, WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
I'M GOING TO THE NORTH POLE TO SEE IF I CAN FIND THIS SANTA CLAUS.

THIS SANTA CLAUS THING SOUNDS LIKE ONE OF EGGMAN'S SCHEMES!

THIS MUST BE THE PLACE.
NORTH POLE

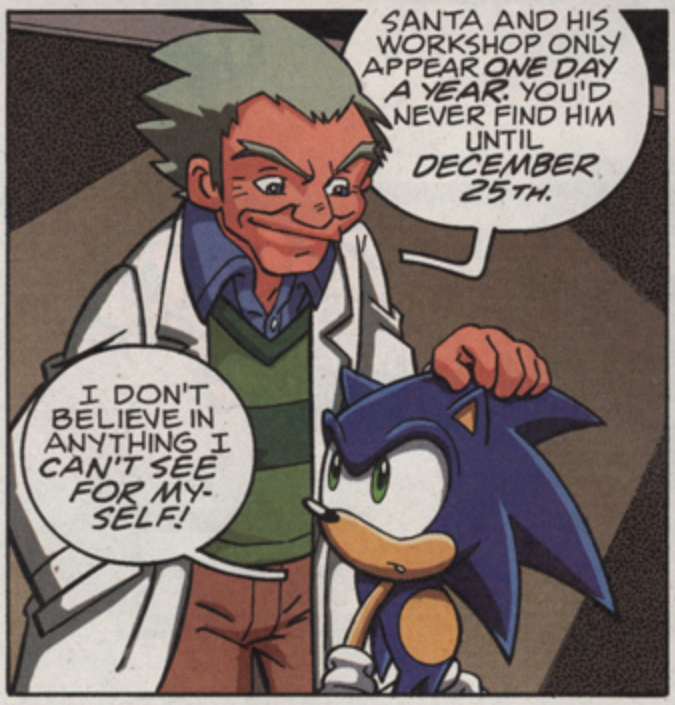

RUNNING AT THE SPEED OF SOUND, THE FASTEST HEDGEHOG AROUND EXPLORES EVERY INCH OF THE NORTH POLE, LOOKING FOR ANY EVIDENCE OF THE EXISTENCE OF SANTA CLAUS.
ALASKA
NORTH POLE
SIBERIA
SWEDEN


SOMEONE'S BEEN LYING TO THE KIDS ON THIS PLANET.
THERE'S NO TOY FACTORY ANYWHERE UP HERE!


I GOTTA TELL CHRIS ABOUT THIS!

HEY, CHRIS!
I JUST GOT BACK FROM THE NORTH POLE, AND THERE'S SOMETHING YOU SHOULD KNOW!
SONIC, MAY I SPEAK TO YOU IN THE HALL?

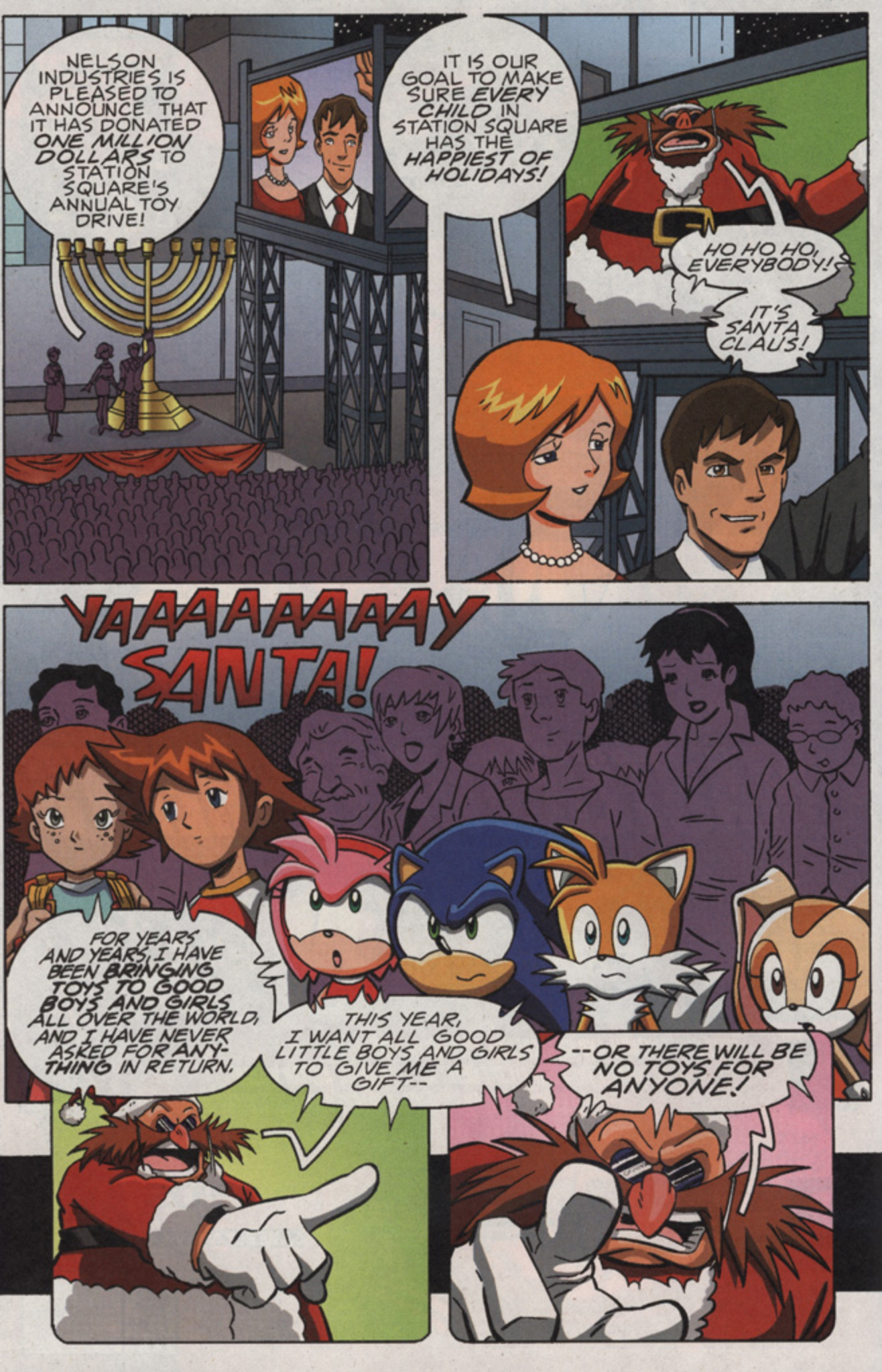
WHAT WERE YOU GOING TO SAY TO CHRIS?
I SEARCHED THE ENTIRE NORTH POLE AND FOUND NO SIGN OF SANTA CLAUS.


SANTA AND HIS WORKSHOP ONLY APPEAR ONE DAY A YEAR. YOU'D NEVER FIND HIM UNTIL DECEMBER 25TH.
I DON'T BELIEVE IN ANYTHING I CAN'T SEE FOR MYSELF!

...WOULD THE PEOPLE ON YOUR PLANET BELIEVE EARTH EXISTS IF YOU TOLD THEM ABOUT IT?
...

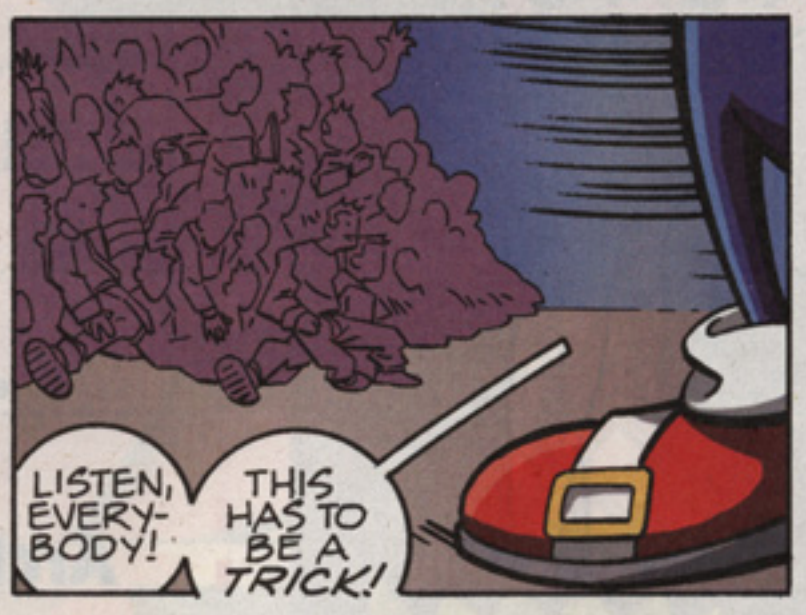
GOOD EVENING, EVERYBODY. THIS IS SCARLET GARCIA, COMING TO YOU LIVE FROM TOWN SQUARE.
I AM DELIGHTED TO BE YOUR HOSTESS FOR THE ANNUAL LIGHTING OF THE STATION SQUARE CHRISTMAS TREE AND MENORAH.
AND, AS ALWAYS, SANTA CLAUS WILL BE OUR SPECIAL GUEST TONIGHT!
YAAAAAAAAY!

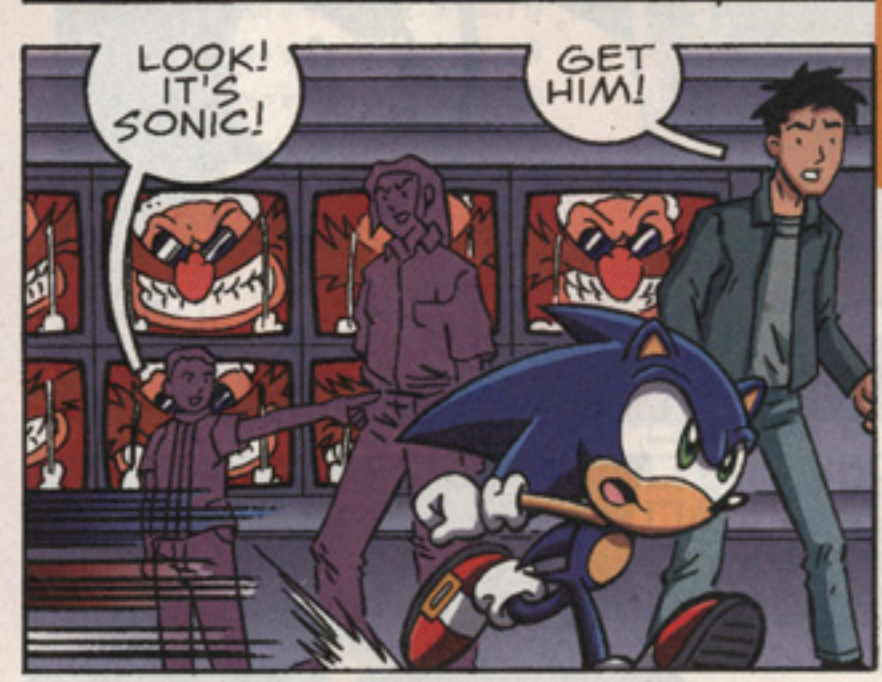
MEANWHILE, IN THE EGG CARRIER...
IT IS NOW MY PLEASURE TO INTRODUCE THE SPONSORS OF TONIGHT'S FESTIVITIES-- NELSON AND LINDSEY THORNDYKE!
HURRY, DOCTOR EGGMAN! THE SHOW HAS STARTED!
I AM AN ARTIST, DECOE! I MUST PREPARE MYSELF FOR MY SCENE!
DOESN'T HE KNOW THAT AN ARTIST IS NEVER APPRECIATED IN HIS LIFETIME ?
THIS IS WHAT WE GET FOR WORKING WITH NON-UNION TALENT.
FIRE UP THE CAMERAS, BOYS...
...I'M READY FOR MY CLOSE-UP!


NELSON INDUSTRIES IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT IT HAS DONATED ONE MILLION DOLLARS TO STATION SQUARE'S ANNUAL TOY DRIVE!
IT IS OUR GOAL TO MAKE SURE EVERY CHILD IN STATION SQUARE HAS THE HAPPIEST OF HOLIDAYS!
HO HO HO, EVERYBODY!
IT'S SANTA CLAUS!
YAAAAAAAAY SANTA!
FOR YEARS AND YEARS, I HAVE BEEN BRINGING TOYS TO GOOD BOYS AND GIRLS ALL OVER THE WORLD, AND I HAVE NEVER ASKED FOR ANYTHING IN RETURN.
THIS YEAR, I WANT ALL GOOD LITTLE BOYS AND GIRLS TO GIVE ME A GIFT--
--OR THERE WILL BE NO TOYS FOR ANYONE!

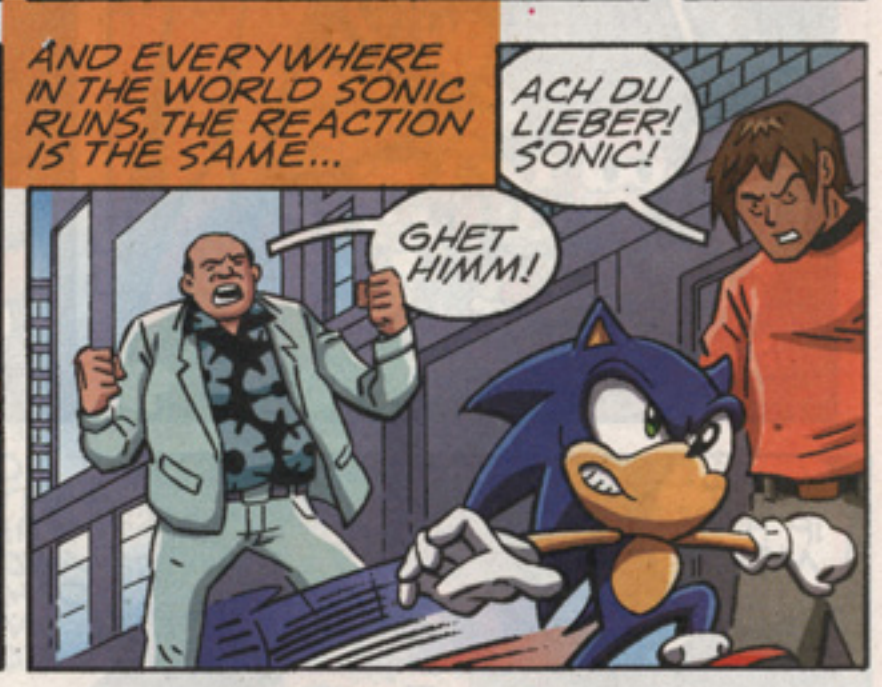
GASP!
?
ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS IS...
SONIC
IF SONIC IS NOT DELIVERED TO ME ON THE COURTHOUSE STAIRS IN STATION SQUARE ON DECEMBER 24TH AT MIDNIGHT I SHALL TAKE MY TOYS AND GO HOME!

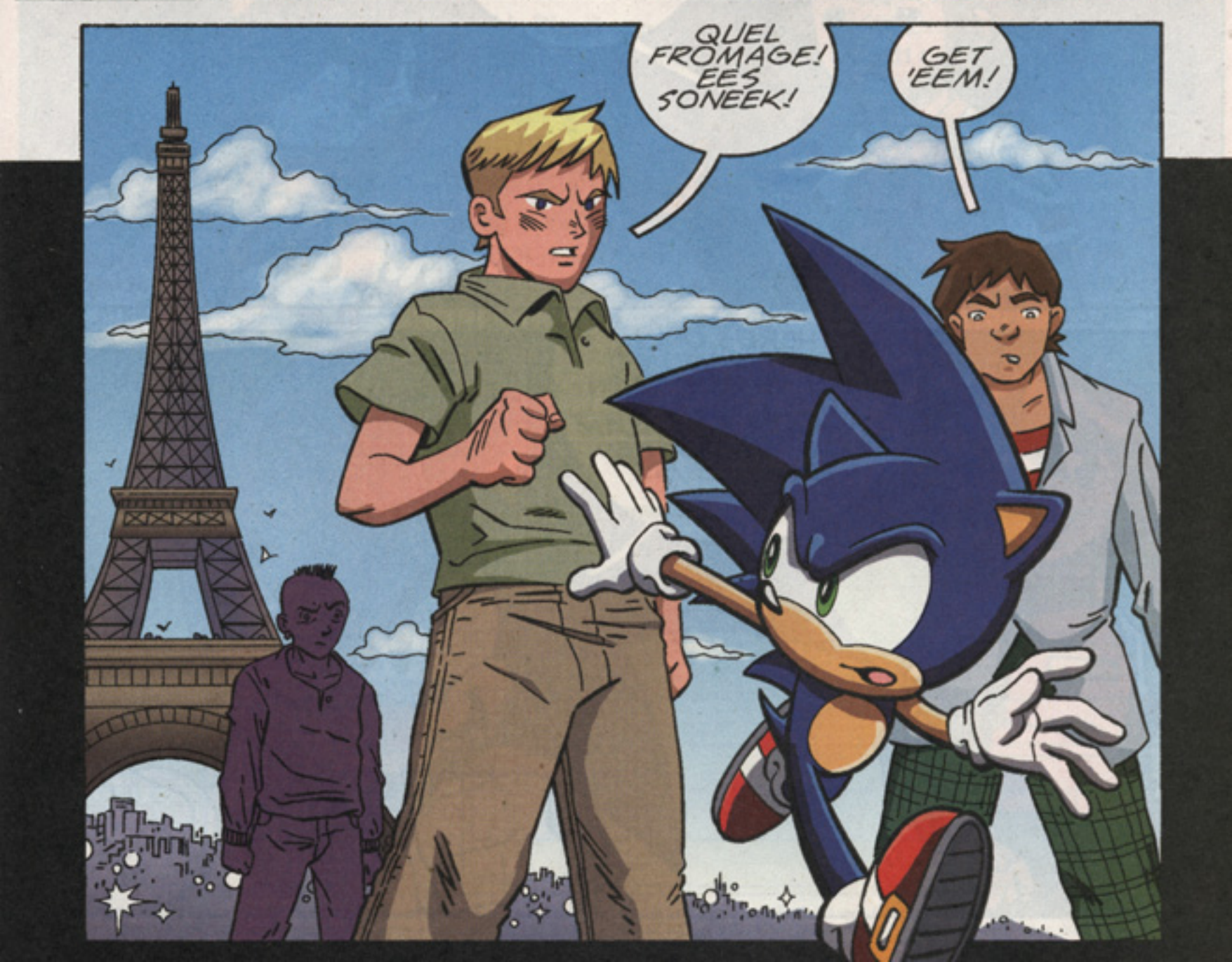
GET HIM!
WAIT!
STOP!
DON'T MAKE ME POUND YOU!






AND EVERYWHERE IN THE WORLD SONIC RUNS, THE REACTION IS THE SAME...



AFTER AVOIDING CROWDS ALL OVER THE WORLD FOR TWENTY-FOUR HOURS, SONIC HIDES OUT ON ANGEL ISLAND, HOME OF KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA.
THANKS FOR LETTING ME STAY HERE, KNUCKLES.
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO, SONIC?

SONIC, YOU HAVE TO TURN YOURSELF OVER TO SANTA.
CHRIS, THIS HAS GOT TO BE ONE OF EGGMAN'S TRICKS.

WHAT IF IT'S NOT?
I DON'T WANT SANTA CLAUS MAD AT ME AND EVERY OTHER KID IN THE WORLD.

THERE'S ONLY ONE THING TO DO. GIVE MYSELF UP ON THE 24TH AND UNMASK EGGMAN FOR THE ROTTEN EGG HE IS!

THIS IS SCARLET GARCIA. IT'S DECEMBER 24TH, AND THE CLOCK READS 11:58 P.M. A HUGE CROWD HAS GATHERED OUTSIDE THE COURTHOUSE IN STATION SQUARE.
PEOPLE, I AM GOING TO PROVE THAT THE MAN DEMANDING TO HAVE ME TURNED OVER IS NOT SANTA CLAUS, BUT DOCTOR EGGMAN!
LOOK! SANTA IS HERE.
HO HO HO!
I AM HERE FOR SONIC THE HEDGEHOG.
WATCH WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I PULL THIS PHONY'S BEARD!

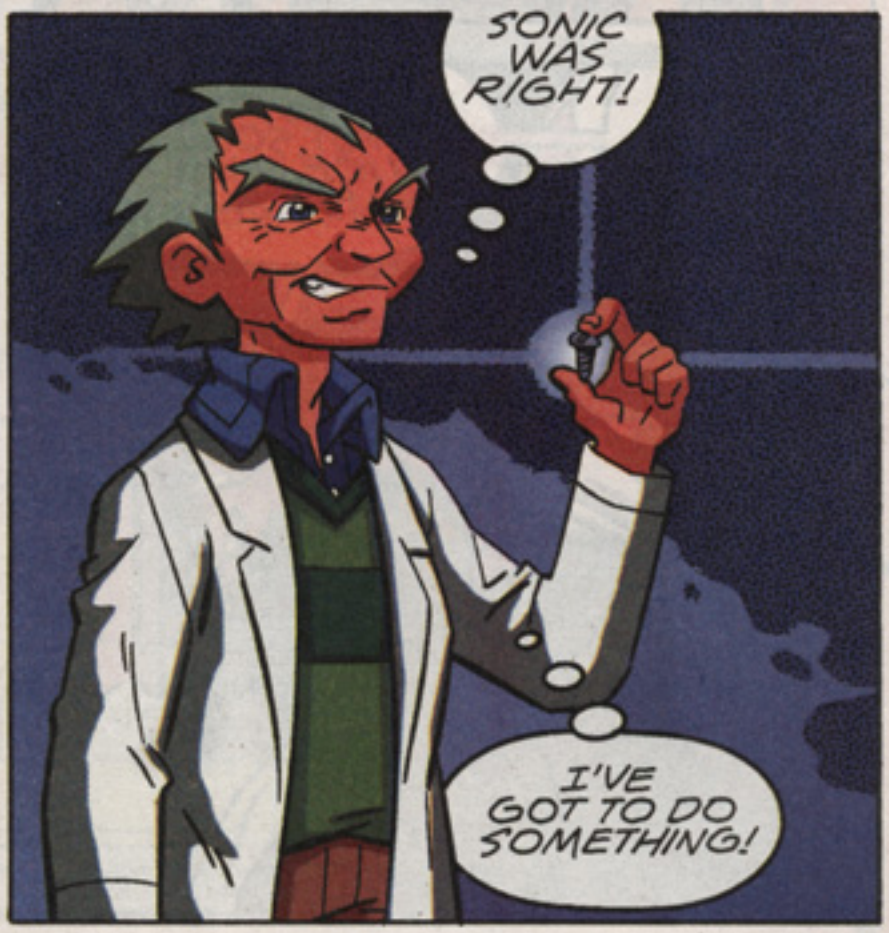
SURRENDER!
SURRENDER!
SURRENDER!

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO, SONIC?
SURRENDER. I'LL FIGURE IT OUT ONCE I'M AWAY FROM THE CROWD!

GET IN, SONIC.
ALL RIGHT. YOU'VE GOT ME.

HO! HO HO!
POP

?
THUNK!


SONIC WAS RIGHT!
I'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING!

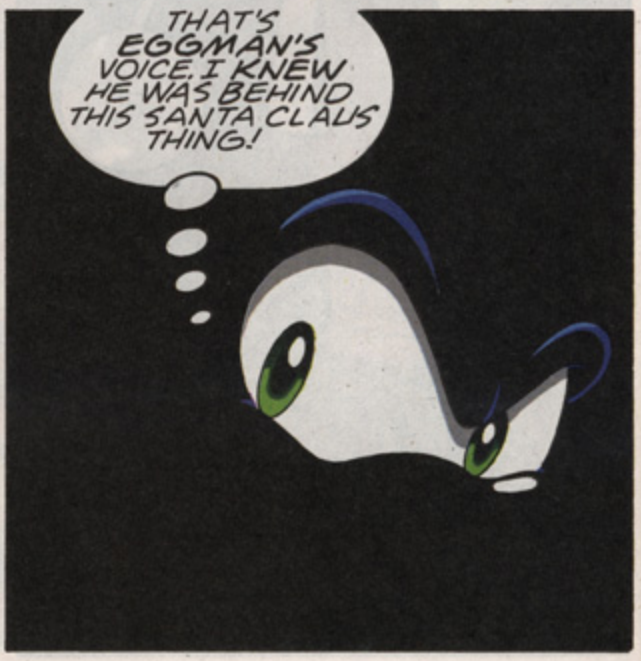
SANTA'S SLEIGH ARRIVES AT SANTA'S WORK-SHOP AT THE NORTH POLE!
THAT WORKSHOP WASN'T HERE BEFORE!

SO... NOW WHAT?

STEP INTO THE BAG, SONIC.

I'LL PLAY ALONG FOR NOW...
... BUT I'M NOT GOING TO LET YOU GET AWAY WITH ANYTHING!

HA HA HA!
NOW IT'S TIME TO PUT SONIC ON ICE ONCE AND FOR ALL.


THAT'S EGGMAN'S VOICE. I KNEW HE WAS BEHIND THIS SANTA CLAUS THING!

SANTA, TOSS THAT BAG INTO THE PIT!
YES, DOCTOR EGGMAN.

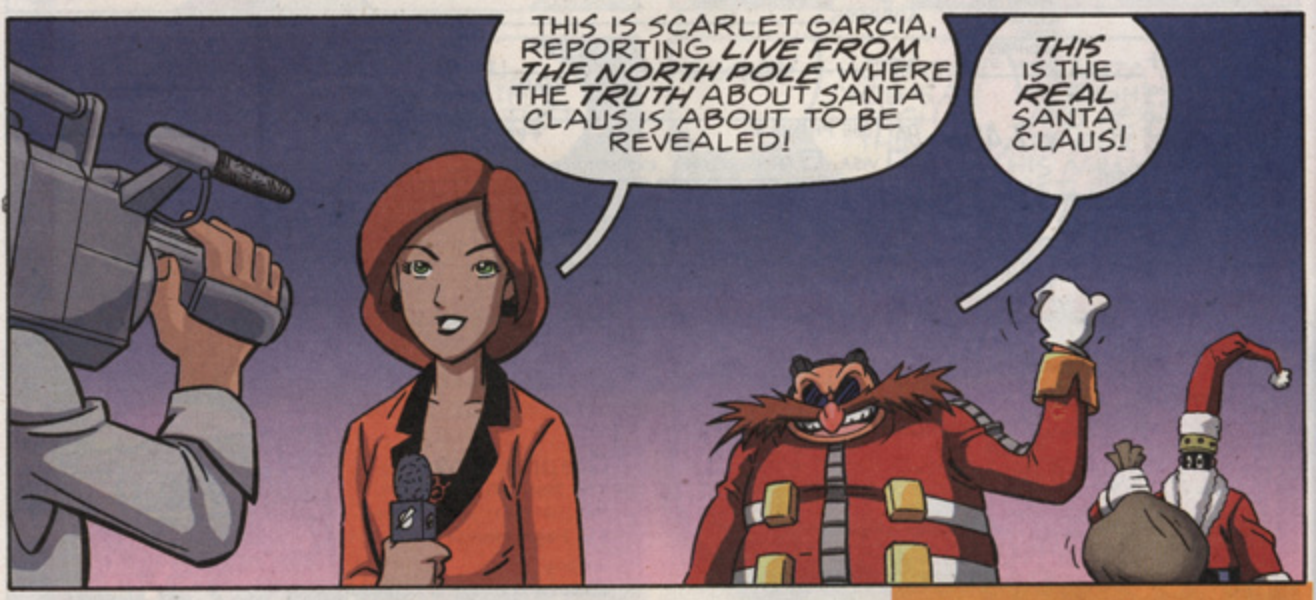
STOP RIGHT THERE, EGG-MAN!

I CAN PROVE THIS WAS ALL JUST A TRICK!
A TRICK? WELL, I NEVER!
I'M JUST HERE TO HELP THE ESTEEMED MR. CLAUS-- AT HIS REQUEST!

LIAR!
HOW CAN YOU SAY SUCH A THING?
SANTA CLAUS IS RIGHT HERE, AND HE'S GOING TO PUT YOU ON HIS NAUGHTY LIST FOR TELL-ING FIBS!

YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'S FIBBING, EGGMAN.
THE REAL SANTA CLAUS IS STANDING RIGHT OVER THERE!

HO! HO! HO!



WITH THE RING IN HIS HAND, SONIC BURSTS INTO SUPERSPIN MODE, READY TO UNMASK THE IMPOSTER!

IT'S NOT NICE TO LIE TO KIDS!
THUNK

HO HO-OH OH!
UM-- TRICK OR TREAT?

EVEN IF THIS WERE HALLOWEEN, YOU DON'T DESERVE ANY TREATS FOR THIS TRICK!
BAH, HUMBUG!

THANKS TO SONIC THE HEDGEHOG, THIS SANTA HAS BEEN REVEALED AS TWO OF DR. EGGMAN'S HENCHBOTS!

EGGMAN'S EVIL PLOT REVEALED AND FOILED AGAIN ON LIVE TV! KIDS AROUND THE WORLD CHEER.

YAAAAAY, SONIC!

YOU THINK WE SHOULD GO AFTER THEM?

WHERE'S YOUR HOLIDAY SPIRIT, TAILS?

WE CAN GET THEM AFTER THE WINTER HOLIDAYS.

WHAT ABOUT VALENTINE'S DAY?

WE REALLY FOOLED THEM, DIDN'T WE, PROFESSOR?

WE DID A GREAT JOB, ELLA.

AFTER ALL THIS, IT MAKES ME WONDER IF THERE REALLY IS A SANTA CLAUS.

DON'T GIVE UP HOPE, CHRIS! I'M SURE IF THERE IS A SANTA CLAUS, HE'LL REMEMBER EVERYTHING WE DID TODAY!

AND ON CHRISTMAS MORNING, AT THORNDYKE MANSION...

FROM SANTA

I SHOULD NEVER HAVE DOUBTED THAT SANTA CLAUS EXISTS!

WHAT DO YOU THINK, SONIC?

FROM SANTA

I THINK WE SHOULD ALL HAVE SOMETHING TO BELIEVE IN.

WE HOPE YOU ENJOY YOUR HOLIDAY SEASON, NO MATTER WHAT HOLIDAY YOU CELEBRATE!
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